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Cases on Equity Pleading and Practice. By Bradley M. Thompson, Jay Professor of Law in the University of Michigan. Callaghan & Co., Chicago. 1903. 8vo., buckram, pp. 332.

The cases contained in this volume were selected "with a view to assisting both the student and instructor, with illustrations of the practical application of the general principles and rules of equity pleading and practice." But it is regretted that the author in carrying out his laudable purpose did not add notes and comments to the cases, which would have made the work of far more value and assistance to the student. The selection of cases, too, would better have illustrated the practical rules of equity pleading and practice if more cases from the Federal courts had been added, especially those discussing the equity practice as it exists in the United States courts. The subject is necessarily treated in brief compass, with only one or two cases upon each point; but nevertheless most of the important topics are well illustrated by the cases selected. The work will prove of considerable convenience to the student in having at hand a compilation of cases that may throw light on the practical application of difficult principles of equity pleading, but its value as a case-book could be greatly increased in many particulars. H. C. B.

Encyclopedia of Evidence. Vol. I, edited by Edgar W. Camp. L. D. Powell Co., Los Angeles, Cal. 1902. pp. 1020, sheep.

If the first volume of the *Encyclopedia of Evidence* is a sample, the work will fill a long felt need. There are many good text books on the subject of evidence which, in a general way, give the law, its theory and history, but at the present time there is no work which treats of this branch of adjective law as the encyclopedias of law do of substantive law. This encyclopedia does not attempt to give theory or history but rather to give all of the rules of evidence as they exist today.

Some space has been given to the law of evidence in the American and English Enc. of Law but it is not fully treated. In the first volume of the second edition, of the above mentioned work, fifty-four pages are given up to "Admissions" while in the volume under review over two hundred and sixty pages treat of this subject. An idea of the comprehensiveness of the undertaking may be gained from the fact that the first volume is entirely taken up with the law of evidence on subjects from Abandonment to Assault and Battery.

Not only are the general rules stated but also cases supporting them are cited from nearly every state. For example, on page five hundred and seventy-four the statement that, "where a number of persons have a joint interest or privity of design, or are jointly liable, the admission of one relating to such matter is, in the absence of fraud, competent against all," is supported by cases cited from twenty-two states. The official reports, the National Reporter System, the American Decisions, American Reports,